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Response Due Date:
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Reference: Amended 30 Day Post-General Report (10/19/06-11/27/06), received
2/16/07

Dear Ms. Burger:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule E of your report indicates that your committee may have failed to file one or more of the required 24 hour notices regarding "last minute" independent expenditures (see attached). A political committee must file a 24 hour report with the Federal Election Commission as specified in 11 CFR §104.4(c), within 24 hours of any independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more with respect to a given election, made between two and twenty days before an election. The notice must be received by the Commission by 11:59 p.m. on the day following the date on which independent expenditures that aggregate \$1,000 or more are publicly distributed or disseminated. These expenditures must then be fully itemized on Schedule E, or as memo entries on Schedule E and reflected on Schedule D if distributed or disseminated prior to payment, of the next report required to be filed by the committee. Although the Commission may take further action concerning this matter, your prompt response will be taken into consideration. 11 CFR §104.3(b)

-Your committee has filed a 24 hour notice for an independent expenditure supporting or opposition of various federal candidates (see attached) which has not been itemized on Schedule E supporting Line 24

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of the Detailed Summary Page. Please be advised that independent expenditures disclosed on 24 hour notices must also be itemized on a corresponding Schedule E or MEMO Schedule E and Schedule D (if applicable), in the appropriate reporting period. Further, if the actual payment(s) for the independent expenditure(s) occurs after the date of dissemination, the appropriate report(s) should continue to show payment on Schedule E and Schedule D, until the debt is fully extinguished. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Your committee filed a 24 hour notice(s) informing the Commission of independent expenditures made in support or opposition of federal candidates with "MacWilliams Robinson & Partners, Inc.," "SEIU Communications Center Inc.," "Precision Communication," "The Tyson Organization," "Winning Connections," "Citizen Services Inc.," "Linemark Printing," "Lit Happens," "The Strategy Group," "Compass Media Group Inc.," "Northwest Passages Consulting," "Local 150," "SEIU Local 4," and "Pennsylvania State Council, SEIU" as the payee(s). However, the amounts and dates of public dissemination disclosed on the notice(s) do not appear to correlate with the entries disclosed on Schedule E, supporting Line 24 for the reporting period. If your committee has filed a 24 hour notice(s) for independent expenditures that are not reflected on your report(s), you must file Schedule E during the appropriate reporting period(s) to disclose the payments. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy and provide clarifying information.

-Schedule E, supporting Line 24 of your report, discloses several independent expenditures on behalf of "Jason Altmire," "Joseph Sestak," and "Lois Murphy" which appear to have been distributed or publicly disseminated after the general election date. Please be advised that if the communication is aired in one reporting period and the payment is made in a later reporting period, the independent expenditure should be reported as a memo entry on Schedule E when the communication is publicly disseminated and on a Schedule D if it is a reportable debt under 11 CFR 104.11. When the payment for the independent expenditure is made, the report should show a payment on Schedule E and the same payment on Schedule D, if applicable.

Please amend your report to provide further clarifying information regarding the independent expenditures disclosed after the general election dates.

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-Please clarify all expenditures made for "Catering for event" on Schedule B. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B or E supporting Lines 23 or 24 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

-Schedule B discloses an expenditure(s) for "phonebank," "Phone Bank/Surveys," "phone banking," "Phone Bank issues," "Phone Bank vote by mail," "phone survey," "Phone Banking WA," "Postage," "Postage GOTV," "Postage in OH," "Postage MI," "Postage vote by mail mailing," "Printing Signs," "printing vote by mail mailing," "printing vote by mail prog," "radio spot production," "shipping vote by mail prog," and "Voter ID Calls." If a portion or all of these expenditures were for public communications (as defined by 11 CFR §100.26) and voter drive activity (under 11 CFR §106.6(b)(2)(i)) containing express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR §100.22, this would constitute an in-kind contribution or an independent expenditure and should be properly disclosed on a Schedule B or E supporting Line 23 or 24 as appropriate. Public communications and voter drive activity that refer to a clearly identified Federal candidate, but that do not expressly advocate the election or defeat of that candidate should be reported on Schedule B for Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please clarify whether this activity contained express advocacy and amend your report to properly disclose this activity, if necessary.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1152.

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Sincerely,



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